

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Currently, claims 20-26 and 29-37 are pending in this application. Claim 28 has been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Office Action indicated that claims 20-26 and 29-37 were allowable.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over Lester in view of Ota et al. Since claim 28 has been canceled, this rejection is deemed moot.

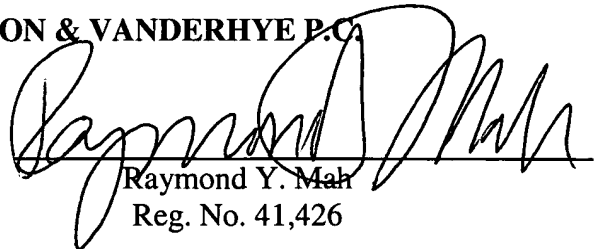
Conclusion:

Applicant believes that this entire application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice to this effect. If the Examiner has any questions or believes that an interview would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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